



HUMAN TRAFFICKING: FOR FAMILY PLANNING PROVIDERS

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OBJECTIVES

- Define Human Trafficking
- Describe the extent of Human Trafficking in Region III states.
- Identify red flags and indicators of human trafficking.
- Conduct a preliminary trafficking victim assessment.



HUMAN TRAFFICKING FEDERAL DEFINITION



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HUMAN TRAFFICKING OVERVIEW

Sex Trafficking

- The recruitment, harboring, transportation, providing or obtaining of a person for a commercial sex act, in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age.

Labor Trafficking

- The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining of a person for labor or services, by force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

THE A-M-P MODEL

Action	Means*	Purpose
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Induces• Recruits• Harbors• Transports• Provides• Obtains	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Force• Fraud• Coercion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commercial Sex Acts• Labor or Services

***Force, Fraud, and Coercion** are not required for minors induced into commercial sex acts.

SCENARIO: AYAN

- Ayan has a troubled home life.
- She meets an older man after school who is handsome and listens to her. She starts running away to stay with him and thinks they are in love.
- Her boyfriend tells her that if she wants to stay with him she has to do some things. Soon he is arranging dates for her to provide commercial sex to other men.
- Ayan never sees any money, but once she sees a man give her boyfriend alcohol and drugs.

SMUGGLING VS. HUMAN TRAFFICKING

SMUGGLING

- A crime against a country's borders
- Illegal border crossing
- Often transportation only
- Can be a gateway to trafficking

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- A crime against a person
- Involves forced labor, or commercial sex acts
- Transportation can be an element, but is not required
- Smuggling debt can be used as a means of control

SCENARIO – CARLA

- Carla is 16 years old.
- Her family pays a coyote \$3,000 to smuggle her to the U.S. to live with her cousin.
- At the safe house she is told that she cannot leave until her family pays another \$2,000.
- While in the safe house, Carla is repeatedly raped by one of the safe house operators.
- She must also cook every meal for the safe house operators and for the other immigrants being held in the safe house.

RECAP

- Victims are U.S. citizens or foreign nationals
- Transportation or border-crossing is not required
- Physical force or restraint is not required
- Prior work history does not matter
- Wages earned does not void crime
- Initial consent does not matter



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HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN REGION III



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WHERE DOES TRAFFICKING OCCUR?

SEX TRAFFICKING	LABOR TRAFFICKING
Street Prostitution	Domestic Servitude
Massage Parlors	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing
Residential Brothels	Construction
Escort Services	Peddling & Begging Rings (Sales Crews)
On-line Exploitation	Factories
Hotels & Motels	Service Industry (Hotels & Restaurants)
Truck Stops	Small Businesses
Hostess Clubs/Cantina Bars	
Exotic Dancing/Stripping	
Pornography	

NHTRC STATISTICS BY STATE

DEC 7, 2007 – APRIL 3, 2012

State	Sex Trafficking	Labor Trafficking
DC (117)	Pimp-controlled	Domestic Servitude
DE (1)	--	--
MD (111)	Pimp-controlled	Domestic Servitude
PA (53)	Pimp-controlled	--
VA (98)	Pimp-controlled	Domestic Servitude
WV (3)	--	--

STATISTICS – REGION III

DEC 7, 2007 – APRIL 3, 2012

Gender of Potential Victim

Male: 17%

Female: 68%

Both : 5%

Age of Potential Victim

Adults: 46%

Minors: 30%

Both: 4%

Citizenship/ Nationality

Foreign Nationals: 38%

US Citizens/LPRs: 32%

Both: 3%

IN THE NEWS – REGION III

- U.S. v. Udeozor – **Domestic Servitude**
- U.S. v. Footman – **Truck Stops**
- U.S. v. Rivas – **Latino Escort Services**
- U.S. v. Frock – **Familial Sex Trafficking:**
- U.S. v. Lewis – **Pimp-controlled Sex Trafficking**
- U.S. v. Ceneus, Bontemps, Eduoard – **Agriculture**



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IDENTIFYING TRAFFICKING VICTIMS IN A CLINICAL SETTING



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WHEN DO VICTIMS SEEK MEDICAL SERVICES?

- In an emergency
- After an assault
- For a gynecological exam
- For pre-natal care
- For routine checkups
- For unrelated health issues

“28% of trafficking survivors in one study said they came into contact with a healthcare provider during the trafficking situation, and were not recognized.”

— Family Violence Prevention Fund



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VICTIM SELF-IDENTIFICATION

What obstacles might prevent a victim or survivor from self-identifying?



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POTENTIAL HEALTH INDICATORS: COMMERCIAL SEX

- Under age 18 and in commercial sex
- Language from “the life”
- Persistent or untreated health problems
- Abnormally high number of sex partners
- Trauma to vagina or rectum
- Presence of cotton or debris in vagina
- Repeated abortions or miscarriages
- Unintended pregnancies or fertility problems



POTENTIAL HEALTH INDICATORS: LABOR TRAFFICKING

- Dehydration, heat stress/stroke
- Sleep deprivation
- Musculoskeletal and ergonomic injuries
- Pesticide or chemical exposure
- Water and sanitation related illness
- Air quality or respiratory problems
- Untreated skin infections/irritations
- Evidence of sexual abuse



RED FLAGS: FORCE & ABUSE

- Hematoma or Contusions
- Lacerations or Scarring
- Missing or broken teeth
- Pinch marks or injuries in normally clothed areas
- Multiple injuries, injuries of different ages
- Dislocated limbs or Fractures
- Bald spots
- Burns (e.g. cigarette burns)
- Undernourished



RED FLAGS: COERCION & CONTROL

- Inability to keep appointments or follow care instructions
- Accompanied by a person that does not let patient speak
- Lack of preventative care
- No identification documents
- Addictive behaviors
- Hyper-vigilance, fear, paranoia, anxiety, depression



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VICTIM INDICATORS: TATTOOS



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Source: Donna Hughes, URI



ASSESSMENT



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TRAFFICKING ASSESSMENT

Safety:

- Can you tell me about the person who came with you today?

Purpose:

- Is there labor exploitation?
- Is there **commercial** sex involved?
- Does this fit the pattern of a known trafficking network?

Means:

- What are the elements of force, fraud or coercion?

COMMERCIAL SEX?

- Has anyone ever approached you asking you to get involved in prostitution?
- Have you ever had to trade sex for money or something else you needed?
- Did your friend or someone you know ever have to engage in prostitution?



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SCENARIO: JASMINE

- Jasmine comes in for an HIV screening.
- The paperwork says she is 19, but she seems younger.
- She constantly receives texts and calls to her cell phone. She answers the phone and says “Daddy, I’ll be done soon.”
- Jasmine says that her Daddy treats her like a real woman and buys her anything she wants.
- Tattoo of the name “Li’l G” on one arm.
- Jasmine is HIV negative, but has multiple other STIs.

LABOR EXPLOITATION?

- What is your **job like**?
- If you wanted to **leave your job** and find another one, can you do that?
- What are the **living conditions** like?
- Do you **live where you work**?
- How many **hours** do you work each day?
- Are you being **paid** properly?
- Do you have **access to your earnings**?
- Are there are any **fees** for food, clothing, rent, transportation, or tools?

SCENARIO: JUNE

- A patient who speaks limited English comes to your clinic for pre-natal care.
- She is worried her husband wants her to get a job to pay for her plane ticket to the U.S.
- He also wants her to be a stay at home mom.
- She has to ask him before buying anything.
- She discloses that her husband has mood swings and sometimes beats her dog.

TRAFFICKING ASSESSMENT - FORCE

- Did [the controller] ever hurt you?
- Were you forced to do something that you didn't feel comfortable with?
- Did you ever feel unsafe?
- Were you ever forced to have sex?
- Were you allowed to come and go as you wanted, by yourself?
- Was anyone else ever treated this way?

TRAFFICKING ASSESSMENT - FRAUD

- How did you meet [the controller]/find your job?
- What were your expectations? How did your experiences match up to those?
- Did you sign a contract?
- Were you ever promised something, but it didn't happen?
- Do you owe a debt to anyone? Were fees ever added to the debt?
- Did anyone take or keep your legal documents for you? (ID, Visa, Passport, etc.)

TRAFFICKING ASSESSMENT - COERCION

- Did you ever feel pressured or threatened to do something that you didn't want to do?
- Did you ever witness threats or abuse against another person? How did that make you feel?
- What do you think would have happened if you left?
- What happened when you didn't do what was expected?
- What consequences concerned you the most?
- Were your actions and/or communications monitored?

SCENARIO: REBECCA

- Rebecca (26) presents as a victim of domestic violence. She has been married for two years and she and her husband have a 2-year-old daughter.
- She rarely gets to be with her daughter because her husband sends her out to other cities to make money to support them.



SERVING VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING



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VICTIM UNDERSTANDING

Be aware that a trafficking victim may:

- Exhibit trauma bonding
- Not self-identify as a victim
- Conflicting stories or misinformation
- Refuse services
- Distrust authority
- Deny there is a problem
- Accompanied by the controller



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PATIENT/PROVIDER INTERACTION

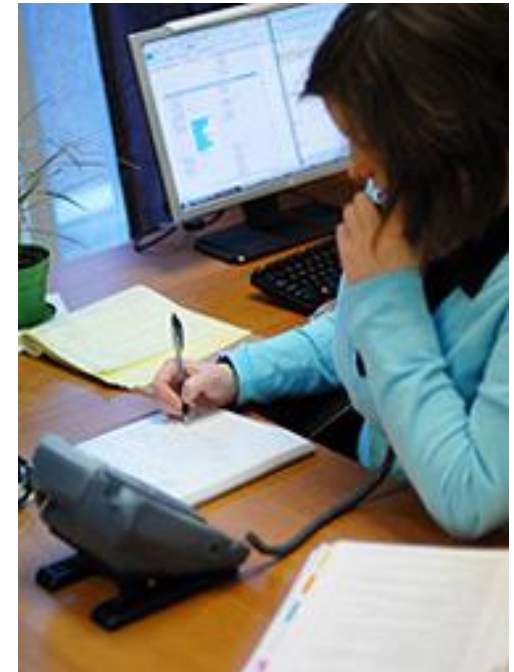
- The true story may emerge in pieces or over time
- Ask follow-up questions
- Use a non-judgmental tone
- Take language and vocabulary cues from the victim
- Avoid victimizing them again by referring to them as prostitutes, slaves, etc
- Do not make promises that cannot be kept
- Make sure an interpreter is not known to the victim

NEXT STEPS

- Follow **existing protocols** for:
 - Child abuse, child molestation, sexual abuse, rape, incest, domestic violence.
- Explain **reporting obligations**
- Provide **options**
- Consider the patient's **age, immigration status**
- Provide the **NHTRC** hotline number
- Report to HHS **foreign national child victims**

NHTRC AS A RESOURCE

- Not a mandatory reporter
- Call the hotline to:
 - Review trafficking indicators
 - Request assessment questions
 - Assess safety and safety plan
 - Request resources and referrals
- To request referrals
 - Type of trafficking, gender, age, city, state
- Provide the patient with the hotline number



FOREIGN NATIONAL MINORS

- Federal, State, or local officials are required to **notify HHS within 24 hours** of discovering a child *who may be* a foreign victim of trafficking
- Notify a Child Protection Specialist in the HHS Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) at **ChildTrafficking@acf.hhs.gov** or call **202.205.4582**.
- www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Tools for Healthcare Providers
 - www.PolarisProject.org
 - www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking
- The Role of the Nurse in Combating Human Trafficking
 - Donna Sabella, PhD, RN, American Journal of Nursing, Feb 2011, Vol. 111, No. 2, [[PubMed](#)]



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CALL US!

For more information, resources, referrals or to report a potential case of human trafficking, please call us toll-free, 24 hours a day.

National Human Trafficking
Resource Center (NHTRC)

1-888-3737-888

www.TraffickingResourceCenter.org

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